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CLEARANCE TO POWER PROJECTS OF KERALA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the clearance has been accorded for Kuriyar Kutty, Karappara and Pooyamkutty Power Projects in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The Detailed Project Report of Karapara − Kuriarkutty Multipurpose Hydroelectric Scheme (84 MW) was returned by the Central Water Commission to the State Government of Kerala in February 2001 due to major deficiencies with a request to comply with the comments and submit a single modified project report for Irrigation & Power components.

Puyankutty Hydroelectric Project was cleared by Central Electricity Authority in January 1984 at an estimated cost of Rs.250 crores. The project was accorded investment approval by Planning Commission in August 1986 subject to clearance from forest angle. The environment clearance which was issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in 1985 for this project subject to implementation of a number of conditions has lapsed as the work on the project has not commenced and therefore, will require fresh environment clearance. As regards forest clearance of the project, the matter is pending with the State Government in respect of the Social Cost Benefit Analysis.